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Subject: Re: Blood pressure variable

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 01 Mar 2023 21:00:09 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I believe there have been postings on this, although not recently. The general rule for both systolic and diastolic is the following: (a) if there are 3 measurements, use the average of the 2nd and 3rd; (b) if there are 2 measurements, use the 2nd one; (c) if there is only one measurement, use it. Thus, the first measurement is not used at all unless it is the only one.

If you are trying to match a specific table in a report, please tell us which table.

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